

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-15, 19-21, 23, 28-33, 44, 46, 47, 54, 55, 58, 64, 71-74, 77-81, 84, 85, 89, 90, 95, 96, 98 and 100-107 were previously pending in this application.

By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 23, 71 and 72 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 73, 74 and 100 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis. New claim 108 has been added. Support for this new claim can be found at least in originally filed claims 17 and 18 and in the specification on page 4 lines 5-7.

As a result, claims 1-5, 8-15, 19-21, 28-33, 44, 46, 47, 54, 55, 58, 64, 73, 74, 77-81, 84, 85, 89, 90, 95, 96, 98 and 100-108 are pending for examination with claims 1, 100 and 101 being independent claims.

No new matter has been added. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the originally filed claims in one or more continuing applications.

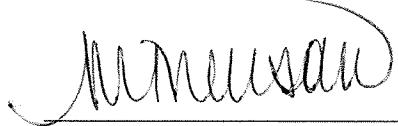
TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On January 12, 2009, Applicant's representative (the undersigned) contacted Examiner Minnifield to inquire regarding the status of the instant application. The Examiner indicated that she had not reviewed the last filed paper in the application. Applicant's representative indicated to the Examiner that a Supplemental Amendment was being prepared and would be filed shortly. No other issues were discussed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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